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SUBJECT: FONSEC RABASA PRESS INTERVIEW

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1. IN INTERVIEW APPEARING IN DAILY EL HERALDO JAN 7,
FONSEC EMILIO RABASA PREDICTED THAT IF THE MFM MEETING IN
BUENOS AIRES DOES NOT ACHIEVE PRACTICAL, CONCRETE RESULTS,
IT WILL BE THE END OF THE DIALOGUE AMONG THE FOREIGN
MINISTERS OF THE HEMISPHERE. SUCH RESULTS SHOULD INCLUDE,
AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONCRETE AGREEMENTS OF THE TRANSFER OF
TECHNOLOGY, TRANATIONALS, AND THE US TRADE REFORM ACT
(TRA).

2. RABASA ADMITTED HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE TEXT OF
THE TRA. NEVERTHELESS HE SAID HE KNEW THAT THIS LAW
CONFERRED EXTRAORDINARY POWER ON THE US PRESIDENT WHOM HE
HOPED WOULD USE THESE PRUDENTLY AND WISELY. HE ADDED THAT
THESE POWERS CAN BE USED TO THE BENEFIT AS WELL AS THE
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DETIMENT OF DEVELOPING NATIONS. HE ALSO TERMED THE

ATTITUDE ADOPTED BY ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA TOWARD THE TRA PRAISEWORTHY AND DESERVING RESPECT. HOWEVER, IN ANOTHER INTERVIEW, HE CALLED THEIR DECISION TO BOYCOTT THE MFM IN BUENOS AIRES AN ERROR (SEE REFTEL).

3. WITH REGARD TO THE OAS, RABASA NOTED WITH PLEASURE THAT MEXICO'S PROPOSAL FOR ENDING THE REQUIREMENT FOR A TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO END SANCTIONS (AGAINST CUBA) WAS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

4. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION, RABASA REPORTEDLY SAID IT COULD BE ACHIEVED BY MEANS OF AN EFFECTIVE REGIONAL SYSTEM OF COOPERATION AND THAT THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES IS A STEP IN THIS DIRECTION. BRANDIN

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